

PATENT

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**IN THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. - 2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The invention of claim 1~~ A method for distributing content in a packet-switched network comprising the steps of:

receiving from a client a request for content identified by a resource identifier;  
querying a mapping service using the resource identifier of the content;  
receiving a list of servers in the network that store the content identified by the resource identifier; and  
redirecting the client to one of the servers using a second resource identifier,  
wherein the client is redirected using a helper file.

4. - 7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The invention of claim 5~~ A method for distributing content in a packet-switched network comprising the steps of:

storing in a database a list of servers in the network that store content identified by a resource identifier;  
updating the database as content stored on the server change;  
responding to queries requesting content identified by a resource identifier with the list of servers that store content, wherein the list of servers can be used to redirect clients to one of the servers; and  
wherein the database is distributed among servers in the network.

9. (Currently amended) The invention of claim 8 wherein updates to the database are not broadcast broadcasted to the servers and wherein queries are broadcast broadcasted to the servers.